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REF (A) NAIROBI 12103, (B) NAIROBI 13664, (C) NAIROBI 13782,
(D) STATE 275569, (E) STATE 295498

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED DEC. 14 ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
JEREMIAH NYAGAH TO DISCUSS BARINGO IRRIGATION PROJECT PRO-
POSED UNDER ACCELERATED IMPACT PROGRAM (AIP). AMBASSADOR
ACCOMPANIED BY ACTING AID DIRECTOR AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
COUNSELOR.

2. NYAGAH REACTED VERY POSITIVELY AS HAVE ALL OTHER GOK
OFFICIALS APPROACHED. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT IN EMBASSY'S
SERIAL EFFORTS TO VERIFY GOK INTEREST, HE HAD PURPOSEFULLY
WAITED UNTIL LAST TO SEE NYAGAH SO THAT PRESENTATION COULD
BE COMPLETE. MOREOVER, MINISTER FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT
KIANO SEEMED OBVIOUS COORDINATOR FOR "STAGE ONE" OF PROJECT,
WHICH ESSENTIALLY INVOLVED WATER ENTRAPMENT. NYAGAH
(AND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) WOULD BE KEY IN
"STAGE TWO," CONSISTING OF ACTUAL IRRIGATION, CONTINUING
ATTRACTION OF AGRIBUSINESS, AND CROP PRODUCTION.
MINISTRY WOULD ALSO BE INVOLVED IN EVENTUAL "STAGE THREE,"
PROPAGATION OF BARINGO IDEA THROUGHOUT KERIO VALLEY IN
CONCERT WITH OTHER DONORS. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED PROMISING
INTEREST BY AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL.

3. IN UNRELATED CALL ON KIANO DEC. 15, KIANO REAFFIRMED
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HIS POSITIVE DESIRE TO DIRECT GOK'S EFFORT IN STAGE ONE

OR WATER IMPOUNDMENT PHASE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS
REPORT ON FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS:

A. IN ORDER INITIATE JOINT DESIGN WORK WITH GOK, NEED
EXPLICIT ASSURANCE THAT PROJECT IS APPROVED IN ITS GENERAL
OUTLINE AS PRESENTED AND THAT MONEY WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON
SUBMISSION/REVIEW OF A/PID DOCUMENTATION.

B. IN ADDRESSING USUAL REQUIREMENT FOR DETAILED
ENGINEERING AND COST ESTIMATES CALLED FOR BY SECTION 611
OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, AID/W INDICATED IN STATE 275569
THAT FURTHER ADVICE WOULD FOLLOW. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT
YET RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.

C. NAIROBI 12103 ASKED WHETHER AID/W WOULD REQUIRE COST/
BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR THIS AIP PROJECT.

D. NAIROBI 13782 ASKED WHETHER AID/W COULD FUND ALL OR AT
LEAST LOCAL-COST PORTION OF VISIT BY PAUL MUELLER, PRESIDENT,
AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, IN FEBRUARY.
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